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Subject: Region 5 Weekly Report for the week of July 9, 2018

HOT ISSUES:

Region 5 Groundwater Sampling Identifies Elevated Nitrate Levels in Juneau County, Wisconsin

Key Message: On July 16, Region 5 will release the results of groundwater testing conducted near a large dairy in Juneau County.

EPA's tests – and others conducted by the county health department -- found elevated levels of nitrates. Region 5 continues to work with Wisconsin DNR to evaluate the results and determine appropriate next steps. Both agencies will attend a county-sponsored public meeting on Tuesday, July 17. Considerable press attention is expected.

EPA Approved Ohio EPA's 2018 Clean Water Act Section 303(d) Impaired Waters List July 9

Key Message: As in its revised 2016 list, Ohio EPA has included the open waters of its portion of Lake Erie for algae-related impairments.

EPA will continue to work closely with the state of Ohio and other stakeholders to ensure that residents continue to have access to safe drinking water and recreation on Lake Erie.

Peters Cartridge Superfund Site Partial Delisting Ready for Regional Administrator's Signature

Key Message: The state and OLEM have concurred with Region 5's draft deletion package for the Peters Cartridge Factory Superfund site in Kings Mills, Ohio.

Once signed, the deletion package will be published in the Federal Register and a 30-day public comment will begin. Developers are hoping for this partial deletion to proceed quickly. Sen. Portman, Reps. Wenstrup and Chabot have been engaged on the issue.

Final Decision and Response to Comments for DuPont Facility in East Chicago, Indiana, Expected July 19

Key Message: The document will detail the final remedy chosen by EPA and formally respond to over 200 comments the agency received.

Regional Administrator Stepp Met with East Chicago Mayor, Indiana DEM Director Pigott and Representatives of Rep. Visclosky, Sens. Donnelly and Young July 12

Key Message: The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed cleanup plan options for Zone 1 at USS Lead Superfund site.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MAJOR DECISIONS:

Region 5's Superfund Task Force One-Year Anniversary Event to be Held July 24 at the Kalamazoo River/Allied Paper Site

Key Message: The event will consist of remarks by RA Stepp, a site tour and a press availability.

The region will be inviting local elected officials and residents.

RA Stepp to Meet with Michigan Farm Bureau on July 24

Key Message: The visit will include a tour of farms in southwest Michigan.

COS Thiede will have on-site tour and meeting with representatives from Peabody Coal at their 7 Hills Mine Facility on July 24

Key Message: The Visit will include reps from USACOE as well as the USFWS.

EPA to Hold a Public Engagement Meeting for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Action Plan III in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on July 18

Key Message: EPA and its federal partners are in the process of developing Action Plan III, which will outline the priorities and goals for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative for the years 2020-2024.